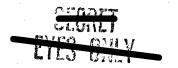
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Applicant Drug Use

1. We have agreed that while each applicant case must be considered as a separate case the following standards generally will be applied in evaluating suitability of applicants who use drugs:

First, any reported or found use of hard drugs, i.e., the opiates, ISD, mescaline, amphetamine, etc., will be grounds for automatic disqualification. Second, there are degrees of marijuona use which should be treated as follows: The applicants who reports in the appropriate item on the Personal History Statement that he has used marijuana in the past essentially in an experimental way will, other things being equal, be accepted for processing. He will, however, be warned by Security during the HOD process that repeated use after entrance on duty will result in his dismissal. The applicant whose statement on the PHD reflects continued and habitual use of marijuana will be disqualified. The applicant whose statement indicates a circumstance someplace between an experimental use and a habitual use will be asked by me by letter to describe in greater detail the circumstances and conditions, on the basis of the response to which I will decide for or against processing. The individual who is found to have used marijuana after having made formal application to the Agency will be warned by me that his employment is probationary;

he will be warned by Scourity of the penalties which will follow Approved For Release 2002/11/01 CIA-RDP78-06180A000300110018-4 should be repeat his uses and he will be specifically referred to

the Medical Staff to determine whether this applicant's injudiciousness is grounds for a serious questioning of his medical suitability.

2. We will each ensure that the necessary key officers in our applicant processing rechanism will be briefed in accordance with this memorandum.

Robert S. Wattles
Director of Fersonnel

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